

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 6 and 8-14 are pending with entry of this Amendment.

Please cancel Claim 1 without prejudice. Claims 5 and 7 were cancelled without prejudice in response to a previous Office Action.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of Claim 8.

Claims 2-4, 6 and 9-14 have been amended to ultimately reflect a dependency upon independent Claim 8. Claim 8 has been allowed by the Office. By virtue of dependency alone and without addressing the additional patentable elements thereof, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 2-4, 6 and 9-14 are respectfully solicited. Allowance of Claims 2-4, 6 and 9-14 is respectfully solicited.

Claim Objections

The Office Action objected to Claims 1-4, 6 and 8-14 because of several informalities. Applicant has cancelled Claim 1 without prejudice. Applicant has amended Claims 2-4, 6 and 8-14 to correct the informalities identified by the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim objections are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

This Amendment has been submitted responsive to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2007. Claims 2-4, 6 and 8-14 remain pending in the subject application.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephonic or in-person interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Should any additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this Response, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of the same, such a petition is made and the Office is authorized to charge such fees to **Deposit Account No. 04-1679**.

Respectfully submitted,

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